

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement issued in this application on October 23, 2006. The Examiner has required restriction between the following alleged independent and distinct inventions:

Group I (1-11 and 17-22), drawn to a restricting element to cover a diaphragm from forward, wherein the restricting element is provided with a center hole and a peripheral hole that is positioned radially outward relative to the center hole; and; and

Group II (12-16 and 23-28), drawn to drawn to a cover mounting structure that comprises a cover being provided with a cover engagement portion and an instrument body being provided with a body engagement portion..

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-11 and 17-22, without traverse.

Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

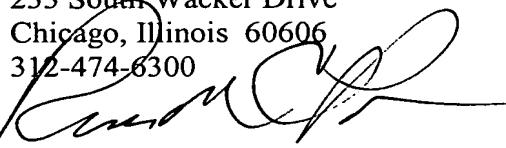
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by the paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 under order no. 19036/41172.

Respectfully submitted,

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